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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1900

The Boers once more command the world's attention by their recent bold operations and their capture of a few British companies by way of variety. Following close on the heels of Lord Roberts' announcement that the war was over, the Boer forces under De Wet have inflicted more serious injuries to the British forces than for many months.

The assertion is widely published that the house of representatives was not really in earnest when it passed the army bill amendment abolishing the canteen, and that they depended on the senate to strike out that amendment. The W. C. T. U. was in session at Washington and the legislators were compelled to vote under the very eyes of the women, which is supposed to account for the large majority in favor of the amendment.

A moment is on foot to have the fish and game laws of Oregon amended at the coming session of legislature. Fortunately for the long suffering, the proposed changes are in the main unimportant. If ever a subject has been cruelly manhandled by legislators it is this of the game laws. No game law in Oregon has yet continued long enough to be fully comprehended by the people. The present law, nearly two years of age, has by persistent publication kept its most important points before the people sufficiently to make its general observance possible.

Before another week rolls around, Christmas day will have come and gone. In childhood, we all looked forward to Christmas with impatience for the gifts it would bring. In maturer years, we still look forward with expectancy to the Christmas time, but with our childish sentiments changed and modified and, with the fuller understanding which years bring to us, we prize our gifts not for their intrinsic worth, but for the sentiment which accompanies them; the real, true sympathy, friendliness and love, which is far more frequently found in the vale of tears than it has any credit of being. We are fortunate that we have one time in the year especially set apart for the exercise of the very best sentiments of which we are capable. It keeps us in remembrance of the best that this life has to offer, not outward accomplishments or acquirements, wealth or position, knowledge or anything, but the real heart to heart sympathy or love. The failure to realize this truth is the cause of a large portion of the world's unhappiness. At Christmas time we should absorb a realization of this fact sufficient to keep it in remembrance throughout the year.

Fires are calamities always, but doubly so in Grants Pass, where living room is almost impossible to obtain. A dwelling week burned to the ground, our record for the past two weeks, comes hard on a town where every house or anything that in any way resembles a house is occupied and where the announcement of rooms to rent brings an immediate rush of applicants.

Some Ladies' Jackets and Furs

To be closed out at --Less Than Regular Price--

It will surely pay you to examine these if you wish to purchase.

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W. E. DEAN, & CO., Propr.

Front St., oppo. Depot.

On all poultry, turkeys, geese, ducks, pigeons, hares, etc. An entry fee of 50 cents will be charged either for single specimens, pairs or pens. A pair consists of a male and female, a pen of a male and three females. If there are 12 or more entries of any breed of fowls or hares, \$4 will be paid for 1st and \$2 for 2nd. Eight or more entries, \$2.50 for 1st and \$1.50 for 2nd. All fowls and hares should be in the hands of the superintendent by the evening of January 1st. The association will furnish free of charge, coops for all fowls, also food and water during the show. All exhibitors who can conveniently do so, are requested, however, to furnish their own coops.

Full and complete line of Xmas goods at Dr. W. F. Kremer's.

Christmas Furnishings...

You are often troubled about knowing what to select for the different members of the family. We will offer you some suggestions:

NECKTIES FOR THE MEN

Are always acceptable. We have a big line of the very latest styles. Gloves, Mufflers, Silk Handkerchiefs, Fancy Suspenders, etc., are good gifts.

Kid Gloves, Purses, Silk Handkerchiefs, etc., For the Ladies.

Make appropriate Christmas presents. We have an elegant line of Dress Goods in all the different shades and colors, and latest novelties for the holiday trade.

E. C. DIXON, Front St.

Baker City, Dec. 12.—F. J. Conroy, a well-known mining expert, who has been in this section for several months in the interest of Pittsburg capitalists, has just returned here from a trip to the Grants Pass region. Mr. Conroy is very familiar with all Eastern Oregon ores, and is especially qualified to pass on the respective merits of districts in the state. He is highly pleased with Grants Pass. While the ore bodies there, he says, are not so large as in Eastern Oregon, they are very promising. He thinks that an especially good field for capital, as it had not been exploited so much as some other parts of the state.

The scarcity of houses for rent in Grants Pass is causing a demand for building lots. I have a choice selection of lots at the lowest prices and some of them on very easy terms. Be sure to call and see me.

I am getting in touch with the mining men of this county and investors from abroad. Would be pleased to know what residents of the county have, even if they do not need my services just now. Have you placer or quartz? Will you sell stock or lease?

I represent solid fire insurance companies and would be pleased to write your policy. I also attend to collections. E. C. FENTLAND, Grants Pass.

On Saturday, Nov. 24, near H. B. Miller's place west of town, an account book containing check for \$500 and deposit slip for \$600. Owner may apply at this office.

Cultivate the Social Features. GRANTS PASS, Dec. 14, 1900. TO THE EDITOR: I have before me an interesting newspaper account of a banquet given in Hackensack, New Jersey, by the board of trade, where two hundred and fifty ate and drank together. The menu was very elaborate, consisting of eight courses.

The toastmaster of the evening, in his introductory remarks said: "Our board of trade, though in its infancy has had a most successful career, and its greatest success is this dinner tonight."

Here are some of the toasts given: "Welcome to Our Guests", "Our Board of Trade", "State of New Jersey", "Bergen County", "Our Country", "The Ladies". In the course of the remarks made it appears that the Newark, New Jersey, board of trade held a banquet on the same evening, which shows that such gatherings are popular in the East.

The president in his remarks on "Our Board of Trade" said, among other good things: "Our board is a very young animal, as it has had no birthday, but it has proved its value to the town. Its mission is to educate properly to know the advantages which are to be found in Hackensack, and it is succeeding admirably. I believe the progress we are now going to make is beyond belief, and that Bergen, the banner county of the state, will double in population in five years, and the place offering the biggest inducements will grow the fastest, and our dear town of Hackensack will do that."

Now let us apply the above to Grants Pass. We have a Mining and Commercial Club, and it is provided in the laws of the club that there shall be a banquet during the month of January of each year. The members here seen to think it a useless expenditure of money to go to the expense of some forty dollars or so for an annual banquet, and it is very probable that no banquet will be held this year, but it is a mistake not to do so. While there is considerable expense entailed, the money is all spent right in our own town, and is not sent away as it is so many times the case. We need to cultivate the social element in our organization, and bring our business men together at least once a year, in a social way. "The club banquet" should be made the event of each year, and we regret to learn that it may be omitted next month.

Subscription.

Following are comments concerning the U. O. Glee Club, who will be here on December 27, by some of the leading newspaper of our state:

"Mr. Eaton's monologues are very entertaining. His ease and naturalness add greatly to the merit of the work."—Corvallis Gazette.

"The concert was largely attended and much enjoyed by all present. The club was composed of well trained musicians who seemed to sing because they enjoyed it."—Oregon City Enterprise.

The Glee Club of the University of Oregon gave a delightful concert before an appreciative audience at the Marquam last night. The selections chosen were both classical and of the popular order, and seemed to suit the tastes of the house to a nicety. The voices in the club are unusually fine, and blend with a sweetness which is rarely found in organizations of the kind. The club is particularly strong in basses, being far superior in this respect to any organization of the kind that has been heard in Portland for a long time. Every selection was rendered artistically and gave evidence of careful training and hard practice.—Morning Oregonian.

Oyster Parlors Opened.

On Monday evening the oyster parlors of D. Hanan at the post office store were opened to the public. Mr. Hanan has been ready for the opening for some time, with exception that he was delayed by the non arrival of his shoe cases. The Post office building has been rearranged for Mr. Hanan and a partition has been put in near the middle of the room in the rear, of which are the oyster parlors, neatly and attractively furnished and arranged. The oysters served by Mr. Hanan have the fresh quality so eminently desirable in these shellfish, as the stock is always kept on ice and never allowed to deteriorate before being served.

The front part of the building is occupied by Prof. Dietz, the optician with his stock of jewelry and optical goods and by the cigar and confectionery department of Mr. Hanan. He has a very complete line of cigars and tobacco and his stock of candies contains some of the most delicious confectionery to be found in Southern Oregon. He is assisted by F. M. Black, who needs no introduction to Grants Pass people as a confectioner.

Telephone to Williams.

The Sunset Telephone company is preparing to put in a telephone line from Grants Pass to Williams and has already awarded the contract for furnishing the poles to W. B. Nipper who will cut them at his mill. Grants Pass will be bound by telephone communication to her suburb of Williams in the not far distant future. The construction of this line evidences the growing importance of the Williams creek district, one of our very best in point of mineral and agricultural resources. It brings Williams virtually and perceptibly nearer to the rest of the world and is another progressive step in our county's development.

County Treasurer's Notice. Notice is hereby given that there are funds in the county treasury for the redemption of the following warrants protested to July 31, 1892. Interest on same will cease from this date, Dec. 12, 1900.

J. T. TAYLOR, Treasurer Josephine Co., Ore.

Notice to Stockholders. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National bank of Southern Oregon will be held at the office of said bank Tuesday, January 5, 1901, at 10 a. m.

JOHN D. FAY, Cashier.

Wanted. A man to work on placer claim. Apply at S. P. D. & L. Store.

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Cary W. Thompson, superintendent of the Greenback mine, was in town on Friday. He wore as a pin, a recently found specimen of quartz and gold which is held by those who saw it to be one of the very handsomest things in that line ever found here. It was a leaf of gold joined to a piece of quartz the whole specimen being perhaps an inch and a half in length. Besides its curious shape, its beauty lies in the pure, clean whiteness of the quartz and the extreme brightness and purity of the gold. The Greenback has produced some of the finest specimens in the state as well as the richest milling ore and its 15 stamps are now running steadily on ore which keeps up its high grade quality in an elating manner.

CALENDARS—SEE GRAMMAR BOOKS' DISPLAY AD.

Holiday Offer.

Beginning from December 5 to January 1, 1901, will sell gold filled spectacles at \$3 per pair, usual \$5.50 value. We test your eyes and give you an accurate fit. This is a rare bargain to get a nice pair of glasses for the old folks a Christmas present. We have the goods, you have the money, you need the goods, we need the money. EVANS, Optician.

A Christmas Offering. With every dozen \$5 cabinets you will get a beautiful Opal photograph of your self, at Alevonger's. Come soon, for it takes time to finish good pictures.

Calico Ball. The Freeman will give a grand calico ball Christmas night at the opera house. Supper will be served at Hanan's oyster parlors in the post office building. Music will be furnished by the Demaree orchestra.

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